

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

You are quick to stand for lesser complaints, such as fining FOX because 159 Jesus Freaks decided that they don't like the idea of showing bachelorette parties on TV.

This is far more important than any of that trivial stuff you guys so strongly stand against. This deals with the future of our company. Show the American public that you do have a spine and take a stand against this.

Thank you.